



Youth Day of Service Evaluation Report 2024

Intensifying Youth Action for the SDGs



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Acronyms

GBV ----- Gender-Based Violence

PHC ----- Primary Health Center

PV ----- Photovoltaic

NGO ----- Non-Governmental Organisation

RE ----- Renewable Energy

SDG ----- Sustainable Development Goals

SIMA ----- Social Impact Media Agency

YDoS ----- Youth Day of Service

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About LEAP Africa

LEAP Africa is a youth-focused leadership development organization committed to raising leaders who will transform Africa; through interventions for young people, that bridges the gap in five areas: Education, Entrepreneurship, Employability, Active Citizenship and Health and Wellbeing (3Es+AH).

As a mission driven organization, we recognize that youth leadership and inclusion is critical to nation building and wealth creation.

Our cutting-edge programmatic thrusts inspire and empower young people, changing their mindsets to lead ethically and motivating them to deliver positive change in their communities. We also support social entrepreneurs in building systems and structures that are crucial for business sustainability, thereby contributing to individual, social, and national development.

Through these areas we drive upward social mobility. Our core and special programmes aim to tackle problems across these five programmatic focus areas; each programme aims to solve one or more of these challenges at a time. **The Youth Day of Service is one of LEAP Africa's core programs under the Active Citizenship Programmatic pillar.**

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Executive Director's Note

We firmly believe that young people are the change-makers of today. The Youth Day of Service (YDOS) 2024 has once again demonstrated the immense potential of youth-led action in advancing the Sustainable Development Goals.



Kehinde Ayeni (Executive Director, LEAP Africa)

“With 145 impactful projects and over 160,000 lives transformed in 2024 alone, this movement is a testament to what is possible when young people are resourced, to what is possible when young people are resourced, trained and supported to lead.”

Across 21 African countries, thousands of young changemakers have stepped up, taking ownership of their communities and addressing critical challenges in education, healthcare, and economic empowerment.

From providing clean water solutions to underserved communities to pioneering renewable energy initiatives for primary healthcare centers, YDOS 2024 has reaffirmed the power of collective action.

This year's campaign has gone beyond mobilization, it has fostered new communities, strengthened existing networks, and integrated sustainable action plans to drive long-term impact.

I extend my deepest gratitude to Dow Chemicals, World Connect and our esteemed partners for their unwavering commitment to making this vision a reality.

However, the journey is far from over. The future of Africa depends on our ability to invest in its young people today. I urge development partners, corporate organizations, government institutions, youth leaders, volunteers, and project teams to join hands in accelerating this impact. Together, we can equip Africa's next generation with the skills, resources, and opportunities they need to thrive.

I remain confident that with sustained investment in youth leadership and innovation, we can scale these efforts, amplify youth voices, and drive Africa's transformation forward.

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-Abdullahi Ibrahim
Senior MERL Coordinator, LEAP Africa

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Executive Summary



Mumbi Keega, Managing Director, Dow Eastern Africa, joined ChildFund Kenya employees during the YDOS project in Kenya

The 2024 Youth Day of Service (YDOS) Evaluation Report highlights LEAP Africa's commitment to leadership and accountability. This initiative brought together 3,506 youth and 14 partners across 21 African countries who implemented 145 projects that impacted over 160,000 beneficiaries. Dow Chemicals Employees and Leaders from Egypt, Kenya, Nigeria, and South Africa also participated in the Youth Day of Service projects.

The Youth Day of Service campaign advanced the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) through volunteerism, capacity building, and strategic partnerships. Key achievements include engaging 3,372 volunteers and project leads, training 544 youth in SDG advocacy and project management, and disbursed \$61,746 across 17 sustainable development goals.

Notable outcomes include solar power installation for a Primary Healthcare center, Improved access to Clean water, and Climate Action initiatives. To build on the momentum of YDOS 2024, key recommendations include improving funding processes, strengthening partnerships, and advancing policy advocacy to empower youth and accelerate SDG progress across Africa.

Introduction

Africa's young population represents a powerful force for transformation.

With more than 60% of the continent's population under 25, African youth are poised to shape the future of the continent and the world.

Yet, many face significant barriers like limited education, unemployment, healthcare access, and exclusion from decision-making hinder their full potential.



Winners of the YDOS 2024 SDG Innovation Challenge by 8th Gear Hub, Lagos, Nigeria

Despite these challenges, the potential of Africa's youth remains immense. African youth, as entrepreneurs, environmental advocates, tech innovators, and community leaders, showcase resilience and a profound understanding of global and local challenges. These attributes position African youth as key players in addressing the urgent issues outlined in the United Nations' Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), an ambitious global agenda aimed at ending poverty, ensuring prosperity, and protecting the planet by 2030.

By investing in education, healthcare, employment, and governance opportunities, we can unlock this untapped potential, positioning young Africans as key drivers of the United Nations' Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). This investment not only addresses immediate needs but fosters an environment for sustainable growth and positive change.

Empowering Africa's youth holds the key to achieving an inclusive and thriving continent that reflects their creativity, energy, and ambition, contributing to global prosperity and a sustainable future.

Programme Overview

The Youth Day of Service (YDoS) programme, a Pan-African youth-led social impact campaign initiative of LEAP Africa, is celebrated annually alongside the United Nations International Youth Day, which begins on August 12th.

YDOS is designed to ignite the agency and creativity of young people across Africa towards sustainable development.



YDOS 2024 Volunteers in Egypt during Tree seedling planting project by INJAZ

LEAP Africa through the YDoS initiative empowers young leaders with the skills and knowledge to tackle social challenges head-on.

With the programme inception in 2020, the Youth Day of Service programme has contributed to equipping young people across Northern, Eastern, Western, and Southern Africa through capacity-building support, recognition, and financing with the tools for transformational change to actualise sustainable development goals across the continent.

Ultimately, YDoS goes beyond individual empowerment, fostering collaboration and knowledge sharing across regions and countries, creating a vibrant network of young leaders united by a common purpose. This network serves as a platform for impactful community-driven projects, addressing specific local challenges and contributing directly to SDG achievement.

Programme Objectives



LEAP Africa Team with YDOS Volunteers during YDOS Project held at Blantyre Secondary School, Malawi

2024 PROGRAMME OBJECTIVES:

1

Mobilise 12,000 African youth to engage in community service and volunteerism aligned with the SDGs.

2

Empower and equip 5000 African Youth by providing tools, capacity-building opportunities and resources necessary to lead SDG action projects in their communities.

3

To recognize, reward, and amplify the contributions of young people towards the Sustainable Development Goals in Africa

4

Foster a tri-sector network encompassing youth clusters, development partners, and private and public sector allies collectively driving progress toward SDG financing, policy making and monitoring.

Evaluation Methodology



LEAP Africa Team during Monitoring Visit to Obawole PHC, Lagos, Nigeria in October 2024

The evaluation methodology was based on the Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) Development Assistance Committee (DAC) criteria for evaluation, which assess programs across six key dimensions: relevance, coherence, effectiveness, efficiency, impact, and sustainability. These criteria provided a structured framework for evaluating the YDOS Programme in terms of its performance and outcomes.

The evaluation approach was also guided by a Theory of Change, which posits: "If young people, funders, allies, and advocates are willing to commit time and effort toward implementing SDG action projects in their communities, and if the necessary resources are provided to support these projects across Africa, then gaps in achieving the SDGs will be bridged, leading to sustainable development."

To ensure systematic monitoring and assessment, a Logical Framework and Results Chain were developed at the inception of the Youth Day of Service Programme and utilized throughout its implementation to track progress and outcomes.

A mixed-method approach was employed for data collection, integrating both qualitative and quantitative methodologies. This approach ensured a well-rounded assessment of the program's effectiveness, impact, and areas for improvement.

Evaluation Methodology

Primary Data Collection: The quantitative method for collecting Primary Data for this evaluation involved the use of virtual Baseline, and Endline surveys. Qualitative Data collection methods included Interviews and Focus Groups Discussion.

Secondary Data Collection: Secondary Data for this evaluation was collected through submitted 106 Project reports submitted by Project Leads, Regional and Implementing partners.

Using a participatory approach, a site visit conducted on 17th October 2024 to Obawole Primary Health Care Centre, Lagos, Nigeria. Key Informant Interviews and 2 Focus Group discussions were held with project beneficiaries at Obawole Primary Health Care Centre.

Through these engagements, project beneficiaries shared insights, highlighting their experiences and perspectives on the outcomes of the 2024 Youth Day of Service Programme.

Observations and learnings were also gathered during these site visits, which informed adjustments in programming and participants' engagement.

Sample Size - Quantitative Method

Survey Type	Project Leads	Project Volunteers
Baseline Survey	235	109
Endline Survey	134	478
Total	956	

Sample Size - Qualitative Method

Focus Group Discussion	10 persons
Interviews	8 persons
Total	18



YDOS Volunteers during Clean-Up Exercise in Sandton led by Clean City SA

YDOS Evaluation Findings

The results achieved on the Youth Day of Service is reported below in line with the objectives and outcomes recorded in the course of the programme. Details are in the table below:

Objective 1: Mobilise 12,000 African youth to engage in community service and volunteerism aligned with the SDGs.

- Key Indicators:**
- Number of Youth in African Youth Clusters involved in YDoS.
 - Number of projects implemented by YDoS Volunteers and Project Leads across Africa
 - Number of youths who participated in YDoS.
 - Number of beneficiaries reached by Youth Ecosystem in Africa.

Findings: A total of 3,506 young people participated in the 2024 Youth Day of Service Programme. Amongst these, 68.7% Project Leads are members of Youth Cluster groups such as Young African Leaders Initiative network in their home country.

A hundred and forty five SDG projects were implemented by YDoS project leads and Partners in 21 countries across Central, Eastern, Southern, and Western African regions.

Furthermore, a total of 160,320 Direct and Indirect Beneficiaries were reached through the YDoS projects implemented. These projects contributed to bridging gaps in health, education, fostered climate action, and peace building initiatives among young persons in Africa. Young people across 21 African countries showcased their resourcefulness and ability to engage in meaningful contributions to the development of their communities, and the African continent.

Quote from the Field



Opeyemi Yekini (YDOS Project Volunteer during Ecosmart Climate Change project at Ibadan School for the Deaf, Nigeria



YDOS Project Beneficiaries at Ibadan, Nigeria during Climate Action Project

"I had a transformative experience volunteering as a Sign Language Interpreter for EcoSmart Club's pioneer Inclusive Climate Education Program, specifically designed for Hearing Impaired students who had previously been excluded from climate change education. EcoSmart Club recognised the gap in climate change education among hearing impaired students, and designed a project to empower the students with the knowledge and skills necessary to address climate change.

As I interpreted for the students, I witnessed firsthand their creativity and innovation in upcycling plastic waste into valuable products. I felt proud to contribute to empowering Hearing Impaired students to take action on climate change, and foster a culture of sustainability and equality."

Opeyemi Yekini (YDOS Project Volunteer, Ibadan, Oyo State, Nigeria

YDOS Evaluation Findings

Objective 2: Empower and equip 5,000 African Youth by providing tools, capacity-building opportunities and resources necessary to lead SDG action projects in their communities.

Key Indicators:

- Number of youth supported with funding for Youth Day of Service programme.
- Number of Youths trained during YDoS.
- Percentage of Project Leads who implement impactful projects during YDoS across Africa.

Findings:

A hundred project leads were selected as final grantees for the Youth Day of Service programme 2024. Out of these, 94 project leads received \$20,600 in funding, while 6 could not receive funds due to their inability to provide a Dollar Account despite an extended disbursement period. Thirty five self-funded projects were registered, while eight of these project reports were submitted.

LEAP Africa built the capacity of 544 youth participants across Africa through training on Sustainable Development Goals, Project Management, Impact Measurement, Sustainable Finance, Stakeholder Management, Digital Strategies for Advocacy SDG projects and Fund Raising.

At the end of the YDoS programme, core skills were gained by YDoS Project leads in Team leadership, Team work, Leadership with Integrity, Project design and Management of SDG project, Story telling for Impact & Digital Strategies for Advocacy, Financial Reporting and Sustainable Finance, and Fund Raising strategies.

YDOS Evaluation Findings

The YDoS Project Volunteers developed essential skills in teamwork, integrity-driven leadership, project design, and managing SDG initiatives. They also gained expertise in impactful storytelling, digital advocacy strategies, financial planning and reporting, sustainable finance, and effective fundraising techniques.

These findings demonstrate improved capacity among YDoS Project leads and Volunteers in implementing impactful SDG projects in their communities, and contributions towards driving social change using various digital and traditional media tools.

Technical assistance, financial and learning resources provided to the YDoS project leads and volunteers led to increased youth participation, contributing significantly to community and national development through their project implementation efforts.



Tomiwa Adeniji YDoS Project lead Standing beside his team's YDoS Pipe Borne Water Project at PPL, Ojo, Lagos, Nigeria

YDoS microgrant provided Tomiwa Adeniji and a team of three youth volunteers with financial resources and technical support to install three water pipes, drill a borehole, donate one plastic water tank and water pumping machine to the PPL community in Ojo, Lagos State, Nigeria.

The water borehole installed would provide a steady and potable clean water supply to 300 community beneficiaries.

YDOS Evaluation Findings

Objective 3: To recognise, reward and amplify the contributions of young people towards the Sustainable Development Goals in Africa

Key Indicators:

- Number of YDoS SDG Champions who receive awards in recognition for their contributions towards actualising the SDGs.

Findings: Innovative and Impactful projects were carried out by YDoS project leads and Volunteers during YDoS programme. These initiatives contributed to addressing core environmental challenges, educational disparities, bridging gender inequality, access to health education, unemployment as well as fostering adoption of sustainable clean energy solutions across Africa. A total of 426 entries were submitted by YDoS volunteers.

Three YDoS SDG Champions emerged as winners. Recognition of the YDoS Youth champions has helped to enhance the visibility of these young people's contributions and would foster their increased commitment in driving sustainable change in their localities and countries and the African continent at large.

YDOS Evaluation Findings



**MARGARET MINETTE
MENYI EBUE**

Winner YDOS Innovation Award 2024

Initiated Project Heal a Widow's Heart which addressed multiple sustainable development goals & empowered 10 vulnerable widows in Buea, Cameroon through digital skills training, provided startup capital, and android devices. The project directly addressed poverty, promoted gender equality, and created pathways to economic independence for women marginalized by the Anglo-phone crisis

YDOS 2024 Innovation Award Winner - from Cameroon



SAATYOM SOLOMON

Winner, YDOS EcoChampion 2024

Collaborated with Ahmadu Bello University's SAMARU College of Agriculture to plant 200 trees and established climate action clubs, ensuring long-term environmental sustainability and youth engagement in conservation efforts in Northern Nigeria

YDOS 2024 EcoChampion Award Winner - from Nigeria

YDOS Evaluation Findings



YDOS 2024 Advocacy Award Winner - from Nigeria

Findings:

The YDoS projects of these three SDG Champion Winners contributed to the establishment of Climate Action clubs in Kwara State and Zaria, Kaduna State, Improved peaceful co-existence in Kwara State, Nigeria, and the economic empowerment of vulnerable women in Buea, Cameroon. Thus, young people were empowered with conflict resolution skills and poverty was reduced.

YDOS Evaluation Findings

Objective 4: Foster a tri-sector network encompassing youth clusters, development partners, and private and public sector allies collectively driving progress toward SDG financing, policy-making and monitoring.

- Key Indicators:**
- Number of Regional Partners identified for YDoS 2024 programme.
 - Number of Regional Partnerships engaged for YDoS 2024 programme.
 - Number of Regional partners reached during YDoS 2024 programme Stakeholders Debrief.

Findings:

LEAP Africa established five regional partnerships in Eastern, Southern, Northern and Western Africa with five organisations namely: Childfund International Kenya, Clean City SA, Juhudi Mashinani, INJAZ Egypt, and Moon Innovations.

In-Country partnerships were set up with nine organisations such as: Dream Defenders Tanzania, Childfund International Uganda, Emerging Leaders Foundation, Ecowillows Global, Lagos Food Bank, Husumbae, Youth for Climate, Morocco, 8th Gear Hub, and Corps Africa.

A total of \$41,146 was disbursed to all Regional and In-country Partners. These partnerships were instrumental in reaching direct 16,845 beneficiaries during the 2024 Youth Day of Service Programme and tackling issues such as climate change and providing Clean Energy solutions among people living in underserved communities.

YDOS Evaluation Findings



Chipo Nalubanda and other youth during Film screening of the movie "Between the Rain" at Farmers Union Choma Southern Province Zambia

Findings:

Through the funding support of Social Impact Media Agency Studios, an international Impact Media Agency, eleven Youth Day of Service Project Leads were provided with financial support to host impactful film screenings. LEAP Africa provided technical support to these project leads that enabled the movies to be screened successfully.

These events, held from October 25 to November 22, 2024, in Gambia, Guinea, Kenya, Nigeria, and Sierra Leone, reached 1,795 young persons, sparking transformative change.

The screenings spotlighted critical sustainable development goals priority areas such as Zero Hunger, Quality Education, Gender Equality, and Climate Action, and also provided a platform for young people to engage in meaningful conversations, form Anti-gender-based violence committees, brainstorm innovative solutions, and connect with mentors and partners. commit to addressing livestock theft thereby igniting action for a better Africa.

Dow Chemicals Egypt Team's Participation in YDoS 2024



Dow Egypt Team representative, Injaz Team and Youth Volunteers during YDoS project in Egypt

On October 20, 2024, during a landmark collaboration between Fresh International School for Applied technology, Cairo, Dow Chemicals Egypt Employees and INJAZ, 34 volunteers and 12 students from the school were mobilized to plant 100 tree seedlings.

The initiative enabled the students develop a stronger sense of ownership and responsibility for their environment. The project also inspired a more positive attitude toward environmental care among students, teachers, and volunteers. The tree seedlings planted when fully matured as trees would help to sequester an average of 10kg of Carbon Dioxide per year.

“The Youth Day of Service was incredibly beneficial. Supporting students in planting trees and learning new techniques was a unique experience, especially as we live in a city with significant air pollution—trees truly do make a difference.” - Nardine Salib (Employee, Dow Chemicals, Egypt)

Dow Chemicals Kenya Team Participation in YDoS 2024



Mumbi Keega (Managing Director, Dow Eastern Africa), with Youth Volunteers during Tree Seedling Planting Project in Nairobi

In commemoration of the International Youth Day, ChildFund Kenya, in partnership with LEAP Africa and DOW Chemicals Kenya, hosted the Youth Day of Service at Kariobangi North Primary School, Nairobi County, Kenya.

The initiative "Themed "From Clicks to Progress: Youth Digital Pathways for Sustainable Development," highlighted the role of digital innovation in advancing sustainability.

Bringing together 300 children, youth, and key stakeholders, the event featured a tree-planting exercise led by Mumbi Keega, (Managing Director, Dow Eastern Africa) alongside Alice Kamau (ChildFund Kenya Country Director).

Participants planted 100 high-value fruit trees, tagged using the Regreening Africa Project's mobile tool for monitoring and landscape restoration. This integration of digital technology with environmental conservation reinforced how digital solutions can enhance sustainability efforts.

Dow Chemicals South Africa Team's Participation in YDoS 2024



Dow South Africa Team, LEAP Africa, Clean City SA Team and Youth Volunteers during YDoS in South Africa

On the International Youth Day, August 12, 2024, Dow Chemicals Employees led by Kevin Pillay, LEAP Africa team, and youth volunteers mobilized by Clean City SA, carried out a Clean-Up exercise at Randview Shopping Centre. The project began with an educational session led by Dalu Cele (CEO, Clean City, SA), who shared insights on different types of recyclable materials.

Equipped with knowledge and determination, the volunteers walked through Randburg CBD and the taxi rank, collecting plastic waste and other litter from streets and pavements. By the end of the cleanup, they had gathered an impressive 49 bags of waste. Seven bags of recyclable material were brought back to Clean City SA's sorting station, reinforcing the importance of proper waste disposal.

This initiative not only made the area clean, but also strengthened awareness of recycling, inspiring collective action for a cleaner environment.

Dow Chemicals Nigeria Team's Participation in YDoS 2024



Dow Nigeria Team led by Adebisi Adeoti (Managing Director, Dow West Africa), alongside LEAP Africa team and Youth Volunteers during YDoS in Obawole, Lagos, Nigeria

As the sun set over Obawole, a young mother waited anxiously at the dimly lit Primary Health Center. The power flickered, then went out. In rural communities, unreliable electricity can be life-threatening, making it hard for healthcare workers to provide critical services, especially at night.

To address this issue, the YDoS Walk for Clean Energy featured LEAP Africa employees, Dow Chemicals Nigeria employees led by Adebisi Adeoti (Managing Director, Dow Western Africa), Moon Innovations employees, and Youth volunteers who engaged in a 1.5 km walk from Fagba Junior High School to Obawole PHC. The event raised awareness about clean energy solutions, and empowered residents with knowledge on renewable energy sources. LEAP Africa through the support of Dow Chemicals donated a 3.5kVA solar panel, a sphygmomanometer, and a weighing scale to Obawole PHC which has helped to foster sustainable and reliable access to healthcare services for over 1,000 residents.

YDOS Press Conference



Kevin Pillay (Managing Director, Dow Chemicals South Africa), alongside Oluwaseyi Simeon (Senior Programmes Coordinator, LEAP Africa), Joy Amanabo (Acting Programmes Manager, LEAP Africa), Amabelle Nwakanma (Director of Programmes, LEAP Africa), and Dalu Cele (CEO, Clean City South Africa) during the YDoS Press Conference at Sandton South Africa

On August 7, 2024, the YDOS pan-African press conference and stakeholders' event at Radisson Blu Hotel, Sandton, South Africa, brought together 85 participants from youth-focused and corporate organizations.

A dynamic panel discussion featured renowned speakers, including Dalu Cele (CEO, Clean City SA), Candice Chirwa (Executive Director, Qrate), Dr. Fayez Tembon (Fakanem School), and Julia Standish-White (Bridgespan), who shared powerful insights on youth engagement and the transformative role of Youth Day of Service in fostering pan-African collaboration.

The event had in attendance Kevin Pillay (Managing Director, Dow Chemicals, Southern Africa), and resulted in strengthened youth empowerment efforts, fostered partnerships with organisations such as the British Council South Africa and Ikamva Youth, and increased media coverage and interest in YDOS across South Africa.

YDOS 2024 Impact Numbers



47.8%
Males



52.2%
Females



2.9%
Persons with Disability Participants



35
Self-funded Projects
by Project Leads



110
Funded Projects



\$61,746
Total Funds Disbursed



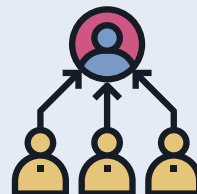
21 African countries
reached by
Project Leads,
Volunteers &
Partners



89.77 tons
Waste Collected



23,446
Tree seedlings & seed
bombs planted



160,320
Indirect
Beneficiaries



3,506
Direct
Beneficiaries

YDOS 2024 Media Reach

11,228



**Traditional Media reach
by Project Leads & Partners**

163,100



**Digital Media reach by
Project Leads & Partners**

4.5 million



**Traditional Media
reach by LEAP Africa**

2.3 million



**Instagram reach by
LEAP Africa**

5.2 million



Meta

310,000+



X-reach by LEAP Africa



85,000+

LinkedIn reach by LEAP Africa

YDoS Impact Stories from SDG Youth Champions



Poultry Farming items being presented to female beneficiaries by Lagos Food Bank Initiative



Case Study 1: From Hunger to Hope: Theresa's Journey to Resilience Through Poultry Farming

Theresa, a vulnerable mother living in a low-income neighborhood in Agege, Nigeria, faced severe financial struggles as rising food prices outpaced her meager earnings from casual labor. Her family endured constant hunger, with basic needs barely met.

During the 2024 Youth Day of Service, on August 17, 2024 the Lagos Food Bank Initiative intervened by supporting Theresa and 69 other vulnerable mothers with 879.9kg of essential food items, addressing immediate hunger. Additionally, Theresa and 14 other women received training in poultry farming and starter kits comprising chicks, feeds, cages, medication, drinker and feeder.

This transformative initiative empowered Theresa with the potential to solve the problem of hunger and establish multiple sustainable income streams through the possible proceeds from the poultry kits given to her.

YDoS Impact Stories from SDG Youth Champions



Cross section of Participants and Peter Mukaka during Boys Concern Project in Lusaka, Zambia

5 GENDER
EQUALITY



Case Study 2: Empowering Boys as Peace Ambassadors to address Gender-Based Violence in Zambia

More than one-third (36%) of Zambian women have experienced physical violence since age 15.¹ In 2022, a staggering 63.3% increase in gender-based violence was reported by The Victim Support Unit of the Zambia police, compared to the cases recorded in 2021.²

In response to this growing crisis, the "Boys Concern" project was launched. Led by Peter Mukaka, on 27th October 2024, the project empowered 401 adolescent boys in a secondary school in Lusaka District with leadership skills to advocate for gender equality and gender-based violence prevention within their communities.

These boys have become Peace Ambassadors, advocating for girls' safety, speaking out against GBV, and promoting peace in schools, homes, and communities.

YDoS Impact Stories from SDG Youth Champions



YDoS Volunteers led by Claudius Mbuya during Environmental Conservation Project at Dunga Beach, Kisumu



Case Study 3: Reviving Dunga Beach: Youth-Led Action for Lake Victoria's Sustainability

Dunga Beach located along Lake Victoria, Kenya is a hub for fishing, boating, and tourism but faces severe threats from pollution, over fishing, and climate change.³ A 2018 International Union for Conservation of Nature report revealed 86 of 234 native fish species in the basin are threatened.⁴

On 19th November 2024, the YDoS team, led by Claudius Mbuya, mobilized youth volunteers for a cleanup and sustainability summit, which led to the removal of 0.275 tons of plastic waste, educated market traders on sanitation and conservation, and planted 700 tree seedlings to address climate change.

Today, Dunga Beach is cleaner and there is an improved consciousness among the residents around the Beach area to take action in protecting their environment, thereby mitigating climate change impacts on the beach and the environment at large.

YDoS Impact Stories from SDG Youth Champions



LEAP Africa team, Dow Nigeria Team, and Moon Innovations team during Walk to Advocate for Clean Energy

7 AFFORDABLE AND
CLEAN ENERGY



Case Study 4: Improving Health Outcomes: How Clean Energy Solutions Revitalised Obawole Primary Health Center

For a period of three years, Obawole community experienced unstable power supply which severely disrupted healthcare services at its PHC— affecting laboratory tests, vaccine storage, clean water access, and exposing patients and staff to excessive heat.

In response to this issue, on 16th August, 2024, LEAP Africa in partnership with Dow Chemicals Team Nigeria, with Technical support from Moon Innovations, mobilized 75 persons for a 1.5 km Walk to advocate for Clean Energy solutions. The initiative led to the donation of a 3.5kva solar panel (2200 Watts), a sphygmomanometer, and a weighing scale to Obawole PHC, benefiting over 1,000 residents.

The Solar panel now provides consistent power supply, ventilation, and refrigeration for sensitive medicines and vaccines, significantly improving healthcare delivery and overall community well-being.

Key Learnings

1

Empowering Youth with Resources can Accelerate Youth Action towards Sustainable Development:

The YDoS SDG Boot Camp training organised by LEAP Africa during YDoS enabled young people acquire both soft and technical skills essential for driving sustainable change. These skills include leadership, project management, and environmental awareness, which empowered them to take action in their communities and contribute to the achievement of the sustainable development goals.

2

Positive Collaboration is Key to Achieving Sustainable Development:

Successful partnerships with nonprofit organisations, government agencies, community leaders, and private entities have been crucial in ensuring the success of the Youth Day of Service Programme.

In-kind contributions and financial support have played a vital role in advancing the project's goals and fostering sustainable community development.

3

Climate Change, Education, and Economic Empowerment are Priority Areas for Young People in Africa:

With Africa facing high unemployment rates and being severely affected by climate change, young people consider education, climate action, and economic empowerment as integral to their future. Addressing these issues helps create sustainable opportunities and mitigates the effects of climate change.

Challenges

Cultural Barriers:



Africa is a multi-cultural continent. Differences in cultural patterns among YDoS youth participants affected their perception in their approach to project design.

However, LEAP Africa provided technical support and advisory services to the YDoS project leads and volunteers through the Virtual Community of Practice, and answered questions of concern about the programme which fostered inclusive programming approach.

Limited Funding Resources:



A hundred and thirty-two proposals were submitted by African youth across Central, Eastern, Western, and Southern Africa, with 100 selected for funding and 94 successfully funded. The lack of funding resources to support the remaining project leads limited some of those whose proposals were not funded from executing their SDG projects.

Delay in Disbursement of Funds:



Unprecedented technical glitches in banking operations in Nigeria brought about delay in disbursement of funds. Also, inconsistencies in account details of project leads also resulted in delay in funds disbursement which affected project execution timeline. Additionally, the non-availability of seamless cross border local currency transfer, and its associated high bank charges resulted in delays in the funding disbursement process.

Recommendations



Hannah Omokhaye YDOS Project Team Lead EcoSmart Hub during Climate Action Awareness at Ibadan, Nigeria

For Government:

Government buy-in and partnerships were vital for YDoS projects in education and health in 2024.

Strengthening policies to enhance collaboration between government bodies, youth organisations, and youth-led groups will ensure smoother implementation.

For Funders:

To make the sub-granting process seamless, multiple partners should be engaged to support in fund disbursement. This approach will enhance efficiency and improve the overall effectiveness of the sub-granting process.

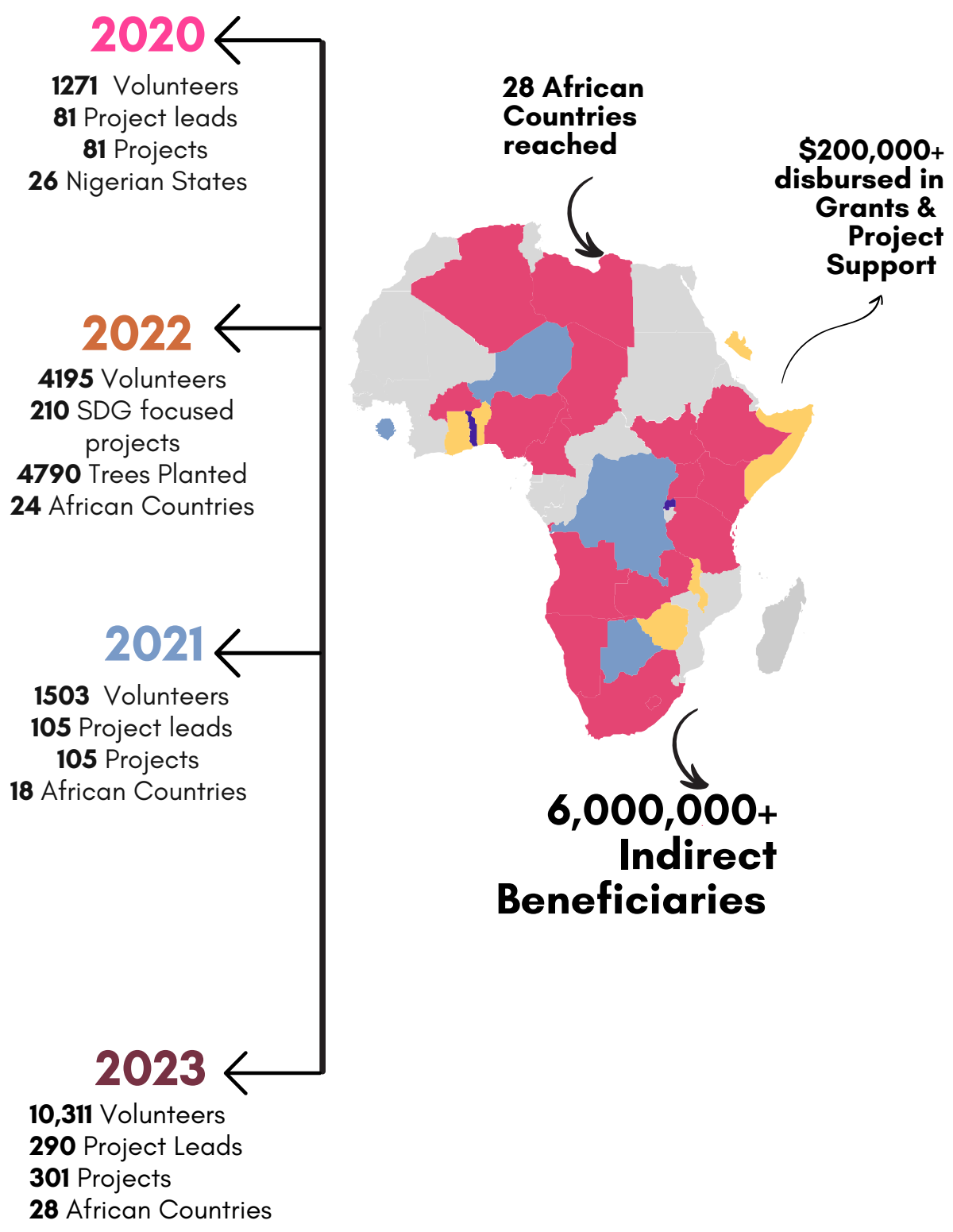
For Partners:

More partnerships should be established among regional partners in order to improve resource-sharing, data collection, and ensure effective implementation of SDG project initiatives.

For Civil Society Organisations:

Civil society organizations should support project leads, and volunteers with human resources to strengthen capacity in achieving SDG goals.

YDoS Impact 2020 - 2023



Highlights of Some YDoS Projects



Name of Project Lead: Lawson Bwanali

Project Title: Chilinde River Revival Project

Description of Project: The project was aimed at removing visible waste from Chilinde River to restore the river's natural state. During the project, YDoS volunteers in Lilongwe, Malawi led by Lawson Bwanali enlightened young people on the need to proactive action in maintaining and protecting Chilinde River. 55 youth volunteers participated in the clean up, resulting in a cleaner and safer environment for 165 households.



Name of Project Lead: Momoh Lamin

Project Name: STEM Education and Training for Women and Girls

Description of Project: The project was designed to inspire and empower young women and girls to explore STEM fields through hands-on activities, workshops, and mentorship. due to the significant gender disparity in STEM fields within Kenema community, Sierra Leone. The project reached 120 girls across 5 secondary schools in Sierra Leone on STEM Education and training in coding, robotics, and geospatial technology,



Name of Project Lead: Chipo Nalubanda

Project Name: Community Initiative to Combat Illegal Logging

Description of Project: The project aimed to address the issue of illegal deforestation in Bosomkyeykye, a rural area in Ghana's Asante Mampong district. The initiative empowered 163 women and youth in Bosomkyeykye community, Ghana with knowledge on the climate impact of deforestation and equipped participants with skills in pastry production.

Highlights of Some YDoS Projects



Name of Project Lead: Victor Musa

Project Title: MED-AWARE Project

Description of Project: MED-AWARE Project led by Victor Musa provided free medical screening tests and consultation to 150 community members at Jebbu Miango community, Plateau, State, Nigeria



Name of Project Lead: Khadija Ibrahim

Project Title: Empowering women through Reusable pads and life skills: A Sustainable Solution for Menstrual Health and Entrepreneurship

Description of Project: Two hundred and two girls and women at Kuyan Ta Inna IDP settlement and Hausawa Government Girls Secondary School, Kano State, Nigeria. The team also donated sanitary pads, detergent, sweets, pamphlets, drinks, and snacks to support adolescent girls and women.



Name of Project Lead: Victory Abraham

Project Name: Learning Beyond Displacement

Description of Project: The project led to planting of seven tree seedlings, renovated 20 windows and five doors at , Wassa Internally Displaced Persons Camp Primary School Abuja, Nigeria. The team also h Stand With A Girl Initiative, the National Commission for Refugees, Migrants, and Internally Displaced Persons released 100 chairs and tables, 100 school sandals and bags, 500 exercise books, 5 whiteboards, and markers, which were distributed to the pupils. The project benefitted 409 pupils.



Name of Project Lead: Hummu Magaji

Project Name: Inclusive and Quality Education for All

Description of Project: The project was aimed at promoting equal access to quality and affordable education and creating lifelong learning opportunities for all irrespective of gender, status and background. The project provided access to education on key subjects such as: Mathematics, English, , Art and Crafts, and training on Early Age career Development Bead Making for 150 children at Methodist Basic primary School, Ibadan, Nigeria.

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